

REMARKS

By present amendment, claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-13, and 15 were amended to place them in U.S. format and to eliminate multiple dependencies. As a result, new claim 18 was added. The amendments do not and are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims. The amendments were made to conform the claims to U.S. Practice, including eliminating multiple dependencies. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-18 will be pending in the application, with claims 1 and 15 being independent.

CONCLUSION

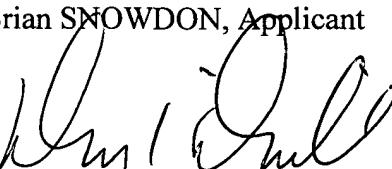
Applicants state that in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our deposit account #19-0120.

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